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MODERNISATION OF AMMUNITION DEPOTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to modernise the ammunition depots and construction of some more depots in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to include private participation in the modernisation and construction of ammunition depots;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the funds made available for the modernisation and construction of ammunition depots during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and

(f) the time by which the task is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): In order to meet the shortage of accommodation presently available in the Ammunition Depots for the storage of ammunition, projects of a value of Rs. 496 crores have been approved during the last three years. These projects involve the construction of modern ammunition store houses. Further there is a proposal for the construction of some more depots which would use the latest technology to cater for the ammunition which would accrue in the ensuing future and to decongest the existing depots. The exercise to identify the land to meet this requirement both from the operational and safety point of view is in progress.

(c) & (d): There is no such proposal at present.

(e) The yearwise allocation of funds for construction of proper ammunition store houses in the existing depots is as under:-

(i) 1999-2000 Rs. 121 Crores

(ii) 2000-2001 Rs. 228 Crores

(iii) 2001-2002 Rs. 147 Crores

(f) The above projects are likely to be completed by the year 2004-2005.